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SHEET ROLL, AND PRODUCING
METHODS THEREFOR**



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Sir:

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A copy of a communication from a foreign patent office and International Search Report in a counterpart foreign application is enclosed, together with a copy of the references cited therein. In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a) (3) for the listed foreign language documents, page 1 of the specification discusses the two Japanese patent documents cited herein.

Although no fee is believed to be due at this time, it is respectfully requested that any additional fees be charged to Deposit Account 50-1147. Also, the Examiner is requested to initial the attached PTO Form-1449 and to return a copy of same to the undersigned attorney as proof that the listed references have been considered and made of record.

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REFERENCE DESIGNATION

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUB CLASS
		5,006,191	4/1991	Schmidt		
		6,403,191	6/2002	Casagrande		
		5,931,800	8/1999	Rasmussen		
		4,711,686	12/1987	Instance		
		4,153,496	5/1979	Swift		
		5,907,345 (corresponds to WO97/01800 cited in International Search Report)	5/25/99	Bothner et al.		

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

TRANSLATION

		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	NAME	CLASS	SUB CLASS	YES	NO
		WO/2000/031199	6/2/00	WO					
		H6-18383 (discussed on pg. 1 of specification)	1/25/94	JP					X
		H8-316175 (discussed on pg. 1 of specification)	11/29/96	JP					X

OTHER REFERENCES (including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, etc.)

		European Patent Office Communication and European Search Report, EP 03 254 278.9, September 7, 2004
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